Revamping of Police System

3887. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Wiir the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.N.D.P. is supporting certain schemes for revamping the Police system in India;

(b) if so, the details of the action plan drawn up for different States;

(c) the plan drawn up for the State of Andhra Pradesh and the adjoining States; and

(d) the details of the U.N.D.P. training programme conducted recently at the Rajasthan Police Academy, Jaipur, and the lessons of general nature drawn therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Ministry of Home Affairs with the assistance of UNDP is implementing a project titled "Improving Organisation & Management of Law Enforcement System in India". The project aims at capacity building for an effective and efficient law enforcement system through new management initiatives. The project is being implemented in 3 States, Assam, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu in 3 selected police stations in each State.

(b) The action plan of the project in--chlde the following:

(i) Laying down base line of minimum working conditions for police and attempting to fill the gap between the base line and the existing facilities.

(ii) Laying down minimum base line of equipment and supply for each police station and fulfilling the gap between this and existing facilities.

(iii) Setting up of a representative community liaison group in each ,, police station, which would work as a bridge between pwlice station and the public it serves.

(iv) A training initiative at police stations, district and state level to bring about the necessary attritudi-nal changes and competency in police.

(c) Andhra Pradesh is not one of the above selected 3 States for this project.

(d) The training of police personnel under the project was conducted for 4 weeks at Rajasthan Police Academy, Jaipur. The training methodology included field visits, discussions, role play and other experimental techniques. The lessons drawn are—need to improve the* behaviour of the police towards common man, improvement in the image of the police, need for attitudinal change of the police men and better police-public relation with positive mutual understanding.

Functioning of NHRC

3888. DR. ALLADI P. RAJ KUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an exercise has been undertaken to review and remove the constraints in the functioning of the National Human Rights Commission;

(b) if so, the major items undertaken for review; and

(c) the time frame, if any, Hxed for the review?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) in their Annual Reports for the years 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-^ had recommended amendments to certain Sections of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993. Some of these amendments proposed by the NHRC, *inter-alia* seek to vest certain powers to the Commission relating to appointment of Officers and.Staff, power to compel the attendance of persons to whom summons have been issued, power to initiate prosecution, power to grant interim relief to the victims, financial autonomy, that the NHRC be described